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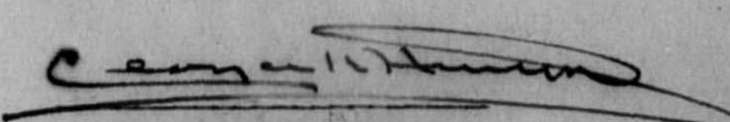
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RAILWAYS IN ERITREA

From: Vice Consul

  
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American Consulate, Aden, Arabia.

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The only information that has thus far become available regarding railways in Eritrea is contained in the following extract from a letter

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received from the Italian Consulate in Aden.

- "1. The principle railways in operation, at present, in Eritrea Colony are:

- a) Massaua-Asmara (Km.120)
- b) Asmara- Cheren (Km.104)
- c) Cheren- Agordat (Km. 84)

Total length of line Km.308

- 2. Otumbo, Moncullo, Dogali, Mai Atal, Damas Baresa, Ghinda, Embatkalla, Nefant Abaroba, are the stations between the line Massaua-Asmara.
- 3. Gagiret, Tzada, Cristian, Zazega, Dem Sebai, Adenna, Abrascico, Amba Derho Ela Bared, Alib Mentelchere village, are the stations between the line Asmara-Cheren.
- 4. Asciadira, Hummed, Agat, Darotai, Mai Adorte, Umfutat, are the stations between the line Cheren-Agordat.
- 5. During the year 1928/29 upto 31st May 1930 the total number of passenger are 60.675
- 6. During the year 1928/29 the total cargo is quintali\*1.033.973,60.

\*Quintali equals 100 pounds."

Further inquiries have been made and such additional information as may come to hand will be forwarded promptly.

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